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SUBJ: TUNISIAN, ITALIAN AND BENIN LABOR DELEGATIONS VISIT TRIPOLI

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SUMMARY. TUNISIAN, ITALIAN AND BENIN LABOR DELEGATIONS VISIT TRIPOLI WEEK OF MAY 12. THREE DELEGATIONS REPORTEDLY SUPPORT LIBYAN POLICIES, DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN TIES. END SUMMARY.

1. DELEGATES OF THE TUNISIAN GENERAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS WHO ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 15 CONTINUED THEIR VISITS TO VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN LIBYA. THE DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS HABIB ASHOUR. DELEGATION HELD TALKS WITH LIBYA'S GENERAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS CONCERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO FEDERATIONS IN LABOR AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. SECRETARY GENERAL OF LIBYA'S FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS HAMID ABUBAKR JALLUD LED LIBYAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELEGATION. ASHOUR REPORTEDLY PRAISED LIBYA/TUNISIAN RELATIONS AND LIBYA'S AID TO TUNISIA DURING ITS STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE. HE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT LABORERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES ADHERED TO THE IDEA OF ARAB UNITY. IN A PRESS STATEMENT PUBLISHED MAY 16, BOTH SIDES REVIEWED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS AND DISCUSSED STRENGTHENING THOSE

RELATIONS "FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES."
TWO LABOR LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR "ALL
CAUSES CONCERNING THE TWO COUNTRIES AT THE ARAB AND
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE ARAB
NATIONS, PAN-ARAB UNITY AND THE END OF ALL DIFFERENCES
AND REESTABLISH THE HISTORICAL BILATERAL RELATIONS."

2. LOCAL MEDIA MAY 15 REPORTS VISIT OF ITALIAN
SOCIALIST TRADE UNION'S SECRETARY GENERAL GIORGIO
BENVENUTO. ACCORDING TO MEDIA, BENVENUTO INDICATED
THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED AS A
RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY'S
LABOR UNION. BENVENUTO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HIS
ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS THE POLICIES OF COLONEL QADHAFI
AND "APPRECIATES ITS REVOLUTIONS POLICY AT THE
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL AND ITS COURAGEOUS STANCE FOR
HONORABLE STRUGGLERS TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR
FREEDOM." THE LOCAL PRESS QUOTES THE ITALIAN
SOCIALIST LABOR UNION LEADER AS STATING THAT LIBYA
AND THE ITALIAN TRADE UNION "WILL DRAW A JOINT PLAN
FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO FOUL ALL CONSPIRACIES AND
IMPERIALIST PLANS AGAINST THE TWO PEOPLE." HE ALSO
REPORTEDLY DENOUNCED THE PRACTICES OF MULTILATERAL
COMPANIES IN THE ARAB REGION, AFRICA AND EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES.

3. LABOR UNION DELEGATION FROM BENIN ALSO VISITED
LIBYA WEEK OF MAY 12. DELEGATION WAS LED BY MELON
ROBIN, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BENIN
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NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. PRESS INDICATES THAT
THE DISCUSSIONS CONVERGED "LABOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES AND SUPPORT OF THE AFRICAN LABOR
ORGANIZATION, WHICH DESIRES TO SERVE THE INTEREST OF
AFRICAN WORKING CLASS, AS WELL AS PROTECT THE RIGHTS
OF AFRICAN WORKERS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES."
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